

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-18, 23-26, and 34-39, drawn to an aircraft; and

Group II: Claims 27-33, drawn to a method for providing conditioned air to a fuselage of an aircraft.

If Group I is elected, the Examiner requested a further election between:

Group IA: Claims 1-18, 23-26 and 37[-]39, drawn to an aircraft, classified in class 244; and

Group IB: Claims 34-36, drawn to an aircraft, classified in class 244.

Alternatively, if Group II is elected, the Examiner requested a further election between:

Species A: A method for providing conditioned air to a fuselage of an aircraft as directed to claims 27-30, and

Species B: A method for providing secondary power from the jet engine to a plurality of aircraft systems as directed to claims 31-33.

In response, the applicants elect Group IA without traverse. Non-elected claims 27-36 have been withdrawn pending allowance of one or more generic claims. Contrary to the statement in the Office Action, applicants respectfully submit that at least claim 18 is generic to withdrawn claims 19-22.


Accordingly, the applicants have elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-18, 23-26 and 37-39.

Upon allowance of the generic claims, applicants expressly request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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